



Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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Spring is on the way and nothing indicates this better than all the flowers that are beginning to bloom around the parish. Esther Rowley's wonderful photos below and on the back page remind us that nature is waking up all around us.



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DIARY OF EVENTS APRIL-MAY 2017

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
1 Apr	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45pm	UVH; Anne-Marie 812195
1 Apr	Sat	Rural Museum Opens	2pm	Ian 710702
2 Apr	Sun	Rural Museum – Food and Craft Fair	2pm	Ian 710702
2 Apr	Sun	Ramsey Heritage Day	TBC	
3 Apr	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7pm	UVH; Parish Clerk, Carol 812447
5 April	Wed	Village Hall AGM	7.30pm	UVH; Kim 710434
6 Apr	Thurs	Great Fen – Historic Sea Creatures	7.30pm	Countryside Centre, PE26 2RS
8 Apr	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45pm	Ramsey St Mary's
9 Apr	Sun	Palm Sunday service	10.00am	St Peter's; Anne-Marie 812195
11 Apr	Tue	U3A – AGM	2pm	Community Centre, Ramsey
16 Apr	Sun	Easter Day – Holy Communion	9.30am	St Peter's; Anne-Marie 812195
22 Apr	Sat	Rotary Club Fair, Drill Camp, Ramsey	8.30am	Wendy 711760
22 Apr	Sat	Small to Tall Spring Fayre	am	Small to Tall Building - 802086
24 Apr	Mon	Garden Club – Roger Skipper Penstemons	7.30pm	Community Centre, Ramsey; Ian 710702
24 Apr	Mon	Home to Home – Bunny Drive	7.30pm	UVH; Josie 710702
26 Apr	Wed	WEA – 'The Self-Portrait'	7.30pm	UVH; Liz 813008
27 Apr	Thurs	Annual Parish Church Meeting	7.30pm	St Peter's; Anne- Marie 812195
5 May	Fri	Upwood Ukuleles concert	7.45pm	UVH; Doug 814114
6 May	Sat	Meet and Munch	2-3pm	UVH; Jan 814393
8 May	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7pm	UVH; Parish Clerk, Carol 812447
9 May	Tue	U3A – June Reed, Poet and Storyteller	2pm	Community Centre, Ramsey
12 May	Fri	Coffee Morning in aid of Open Gardens event	10-12pm	77 High St, Upwood; Josie 710702
15 May	Mon	Garden Club – Mike Day – Vegetable Topic	7.30pm	Community Centre, Ramsey; Ian 710702
17 May	Wed	History Group – Hannah Vandridge	7.30pm	UVH; Andrew 812447
19 May	Fri	Newsletter AGM	7.30pm	UVH; Doug 814114
22 May	Mon	Home to Home – Fenland Garden	7.30pm	UVH; Josie 710702
FUTURE EVENTS, 2017				
3 Jun	Sat	Meet and Munch	2-3pm	UVH; Jan 814393
10, 11 June	Sat, Sun	Flower Festival	TBC	St Peter's; Anne-Marie 812195,
11 June	Sun	Upwood Open Gardens & other events	TBC	Around Upwood; Josie 710701
19 Jun	Mon	Garden Club – Ian Collison	7.30pm	Community Centre, Ramsey; Ian 710701
1 Jul	Sat	Meet and Munch – Queens 65 th Anniversary	1-2pm	UVH; Jan 814393
15 Jul	Sat	From 'Stage to Screen' Ramsey Choral Society	7.30pm	St Mary's Church, Warboys; June 813562

Deadline for June Newsletter is 15 May 2017

PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the council was held on 6 March and chaired by Councillor Robin Howe.

The proposed installation of the mobile phone mast on land adjacent to the cricket field was discussed in depth.

The clerk and the chairman have liaised with the District Council and Harlequin Ltd. in an attempt to identify a site which would be more acceptable to this parish. The technical requirements of such an installation are many and complex and Harlequin Ltd. has shared documentation demonstrating extensive research into over 20 sites in Upwood. It seems that there are no other feasible options and it is likely that the Local Planning Authority (the District Council) will allow the plans to proceed. Parishioners who had written letters of objection to this proposal have been kept informed of developments. The chairman expressed regret that the Parish Council must now accept that it can have no further influence and that it has been unable to do more to support its residents. Further details can be found on the parish website and both the Parish Council and community Facebook pages.



Bentley Close play area is to have its annual inspection in April. Further work is to be carried out in Charters Spinney on an ash tree which is becoming unsafe. Following the excellent work done in the old cemetery further work is planned and help from parishioners will be greatly appreciated (please check the Parish Council's Facebook page or contact Councillor Jean Noble on 814356 or at **nimusmum@gmail.com** for further

information).

The Council also discussed a parishioner's suggestion that the village purchase a defibrillator. Councillors agreed that there are many factors to consider but that this is now one of few parishes without such provision, and with a typical 15 – 20 minute wait for professional medical assistance, a defibrillator may make all the difference to someone in need. The Council is positive to the idea; it would welcome further research; and it would be interested to learn of the support such an initiative would have from the community. If the community is able to raise part of the cost, the Parish Council would consider granting financial support. Alternatively, it may be possible to raise the funds through a grant application.

The next meetings will take place on Monday 03 April and Monday 08 May. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Councillor Howard Smith Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

STORM DAMAGE UPWOOD – FEBRUARY 2017



Amongst other damage 'Storm Doris' at the end of February brought down part of the barn on Church Lane and branches from nearby trees in Upwood.

ROTARY CLUB OF RAMSEY

A Vintage, Collectables and Artisan Fair is being held on Sat 22 April in The Drill Hall, The Camp, Wood Lane, Ramsey. Tables at £10 are available for traders so if you have a hobby or business you would like to display, please contact Jenny on 01733 844546 or Wendy on 711760.

Entrance is for early birds from 8.30am at £3 and standard from 9am at £2. A free valuation service will be available from Willingham Antiques. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

RAMSEY CHORAL SOCIETY

Ramsey Choral Society Summer Concert, 'From Stage and Screen' will be on Sat 15 July at St Mary Magdalene Church Warboys at 7.30pm. With local soloist Natalie Davies and James Liu who are currently studying opera at The Guildhall, London. Tickets available from the Newsagents, High Street, Warboys or ring 813562 for tickets.

UPWOOD UKULELES



Here's a quote from Upwood Ukuleles' recent performance as part of the Rotary Club of Huntingdon (Cromwell) "Vaudeville Is Alive" evening at the Commemoration Hall.

"..... a truly stonking performance you staged last night. The choice of lyrics and your own renditions were superb, fresh and very amusing and held the audience spellbound and from the comments received regarding the group you were certainly 'top of the pops' for many, if not all. You really did captivate the audience in every single way and I am certain that you will have a following from our Rotary club so do keep us informed of your various gigs....." Dee (concert organiser)

UPWOOD AND RAVELEY COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION



Yes, it's official – spring is definitely on the way on the allotments. Just look at all those sweet little weeds popping up all over the plot! However, the daffodils are up, the rhubarb is shooting and the broad beans are several inches high now. The growing season has started. We have now let all of the mini-plots half-way down the allotment site at Upwood and are delighted to welcome four new tenants this year. We still have one mini-plot immediately ready to let at Upwood and one half-plot at Gt. Raveley, with more mini-plots becoming available shortly.

If you would like to try your hand at 'growing your own' we can offer lots of advice on what to grow, how to grow it and where to get free stuff – manure, soil improver etc. Remember, you don't have to just grow veggies, you can try soft fruit, flowers or get your children/grandchildren interested in growing easy salad crops like radish. If you are interested in taking on a plot, do get in touch with Liz Carter (secretary) on 813008 or email liz@backtracks.biz or Ali Miles (chairman) email AMiles2015@hotmail.com

And a very polite notice from the allotment holders –

Please would dog walkers and dog owners make sure they clean up any dog mess and keep dogs on a lead. It is great to see people enjoying the surroundings of the allotments and the orchard but this is primarily a food growing area and there is no public right of way through the allotment site at Upwood. The hay field is let to a tenant so please do not use this as a dog exercise area however tempting. We welcome well-behaved dogs and their owners on the site.

NEWSLETTER THANK YOU

On behalf of the Newsletter Committee I would like to say a **big thank you** to all the volunteers who help with the production and delivery of this newsletter. As well as the excellent editorial team of three (plus proof reader) who do the bulk of the work in putting together the newsletter on a bi-monthly basis, there is also a group of wonderful volunteers who distribute and deliver it throughout the parish, come rain or shine. Added to that there is another group of volunteers who deliver the Ramsey & Warboys Informer in Upwood village and kindly donate their "pay" to newsletter funds. Your efforts are thoroughly appreciated.

Doug McLeod Chairman, Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee AGM will take place in the village hall
on **Friday 19th May** starting at **7pm**. Everyone is welcome.

The Upwood & the Raveley Village Hall AGM will take place on Wednesday 5th April, starting at 7.30pm. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

HIGH STREET HEDGEHOGS

High Street Hedgehogs has been in operation for over 5 years and in that time over 300 hogs have been treated and released; sadly, not all hogs make it. They often have broken legs or spinal problems and many die within 1 or 2 hours of admittance. Though people are good enough to find my details and bring one to me, they often say they have been watching it for a couple of days sunbathing on the lawn. Any hedgehog out in the day is in trouble – they do not sunbathe. Don't leave it or put it under the hedge - call a local rescue centre ASAP, tomorrow may be too late! I am registered on line and with all branches of Cromwell Vets as a carer and have had hogs from Cambridge, Bedford, Biggleswade, Peterborough, Stamford and Oundle. Currently I have 26 in hutches in the garage, about half of which have hibernated, thank goodness, plus 11 in the house for fattening or treatment and 16 out with foster carers.



When a hedgehog is admitted in autumn it has a routine check: weighing, treatment for fleas, mites, ticks and ringworm if necessary. They are all treated for lungworm and roundworm - an injection a day for 16 days. Whilst being treated they remain inside but once fit, at around 800g, they are moved to the garage to hibernate if they wish. This cuts down the amount of work as they are no longer weighed daily or having injections.

Summer arrivals present different problems to the autumn juveniles. They are still treated for worms (except the tiny babies) but can be released fairly quickly. Babies under 150g need feeding with puppy milk through a syringe; initially 2 hourly, between 6am and 10pm, reducing to 4 times a day as they grow and start on solids. The worst job in the summer is picking off fly eggs with tweezers and worse still maggots. Left on the hedgehog they will eat it alive. I have often spent 2 or more hours on one hog. If the damage is already substantial they are put to sleep.



Anyone wishing to support my work can do so by donating money, items for car boots, newspapers, washing power or food (Pedigree puppy food for the tiniest hogs or Iams kitten food in the purple packs for the adults). If I am not about, please just leave things by either gate. Thank you.

Jean Noble

HOME TO HOME



Home to Home, the Upwood & Raveleys ladies social club, held their AGM on Monday 30th January. There was a good turn-out with 25 members in attendance. A new committee was elected: Pauline McLeod chairman, Jo Paxton secretary, Anne-Marie Cracknell treasurer, plus Margaret Carrington, Josie Gaunt & Karen Seabridge. The ladies present then had a lively discussion with many ideas and suggestions of activities that could be organised by our members to fill up the programme for the meetings that did not already have speakers arranged.

The new, revised programme was ready for the February meeting which was the first of our 'in-house' members' meetings. This coffee and chat evening was a great success, with a free exchange of ideas for the future. The meeting on 27 March was a highly interesting and informative talk by Clive Beeke on the history of Ramsey Abbey. Our next meeting on 24 April will take the form of a Bunny Drive – identical to a Beetle Drive, but drawing bunnies rather than beetles based on the throw of a dice, and on 22 May Neil Callan's talk is entitled From Crowbar to Crocosmia—the making of a Fenland Garden.

New members and visitors are always welcome, especially newcomers to the locality; it is a great way to meet and get to know people. If you want to know more please contact Josie on **710702**.

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP

The History Group has another interesting programme for 2017. The AGM was held on 15 March with a display of village historical items from members in our 'I will show you mine if you show me yours' event. On 17 May we welcome Hannah Vandridge for a talk on the treasures of the Norris Museum.

Please note that we are starting all our talks at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

On 25 June, we have a trip to Blenheim Palace - this is currently fully booked, with a waiting list. On 19 July, we welcome Clive Beeke whose talk focuses on the closing over of the Great Whyte.

The group requires a new secretary to take the minutes and publish them via the chairman. This could be an opportunity for a young adult of Upwood who has an interest in the village. It would be a chance to develop formal writing skills or fulfil a voluntary role as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Please contact Andrew Bilverstone on **812447** or **bilvers@btinternet.com** if you are interested.

SPOTLIGHT ON UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Upwood Village Hall started life as a Victorian School, providing education until the new Upwood Primary School was built adjacent to Farm Close in 1959. The old school became the village hall in 1970.

The village hall is managed by a group of 10 volunteers called the Managing Trustees and 3 Custodian Trustees, Isobel Howell, Esther Rowley and Geoff Carrington who oversee the running of the hall on behalf of the parish. This small but very committed committee meets 4 or 5 times a year and ensures that the hall is 'fit for purpose'. They have been very active in applying for grants to update and upgrade the facilities and the parish now boasts a warm, well-appointed and well-decorated amenity including access to Wi-Fi and facilities for video projection.



Steve Howes is the current chairman and has served on the committee for about 16 years. Having moved into Upwood *'all the way from Ramsey'* Steve wanted to get involved in parish life. He said *"A hall is a hugely valuable asset to any village and provides a place where the community can come together, join in local activities and friendships are forged. We would welcome new members to the committee and if you are interested just chat to one of the committee or contact us at UVHBookings@upwood.org. The hall is a 'not for profit' venue and all our hiring fees get ploughed back into the general upkeep of the hall. The hall is owned by the parish of Upwood & the Raveleys in trust, so it is very much 'our' hall*

and I would encourage people to make use of it and keep it open so that it remains a valuable meeting place for us all."

Bob Child originally joined the committee around 15 years ago as the representative of the Youth Club. He said *"I understood that every organisation that used the hall was entitled to a presence on the VH committee so I joined and have never left, despite the YC's demise"*. He has been in charge of bookings for the village hall for about 11 years. He would like to see the hall being used more. *"It's good to see the hall in good nick & I want people to use it. It's available more often than not and isn't expensive to hire. I don't know why more people don't hold parties in the hall – it's much better than having the mess at home"* is Bob's view. Bob would like to see a 'Friends of the Village Hall' committee



formed who would run fund raising events 3 or 4 times a year and would love to hear from anyone interested in serving on such a committee. Bob's final comment was *"It's a good feeling being on the committee and doing something for the community which doesn't take a lot of time."*



Kim Evans is the secretary and also became involved when she was on the Youth Club management committee. *"I love working with a fantastic bunch of people who have such a commitment to the Upwood & Raveleys communities. I'd recommend anyone looking for a local venue to see the continued improvements that have been undertaken, which I feel have enhanced the already friendly atmosphere that imbues the hall."*

Margaret Carrington has the task of overseeing the financial running of the hall. As treasurer Margaret is responsible for billing regular users quarterly and other hirers as needed. She said, *'Rates are kept as low as possible but realistically have to cover the costs of running the hall. We are just about keeping our heads above water but if utility costs rise or groups stop using the hall we will be financially embarrassed. Favourable rates are offered to community groups and daytime usage is cheaper than evening hires so it would be good to see greater usage of the hall. It would also be nice to see some of the younger community involved.'* If anyone has any ideas of how to generate greater use of the hall Margaret would love to hear from them.



As the 'house' member of the committee David Williams is in charge of the general maintenance of the building. The other committee members are Doug McLeod, Sean Pender, Andrew Perkins, Lynn Perkins & Tony Place who take their turn in reading the meter and ensuring that the hall is maintained on a weekly basis as well as 'mucking in' with any other jobs that need doing. There are also other parishioners who do not serve on the committee but help with meter readings. Two other very important people are Sally & Geoff Easteal. They are the only paid 'staff' and the difference in cleanliness that these two have made in a very short space of time is fantastic and anyone using the hall will have noticed and appreciated their efforts. Upwood Village Hall is a great community facility which is currently under-used.

Why not use it yourself for a function or to host an activity – you won't be disappointed.

GREAT FEN PROJECT



Spring seems to have arrived: the plants are in bud and the grass is changing from its wintery dull green to the bright shoots of new growth. A fantastic time to come and visit the Great Fen! On Thursday 6 April Naomi Stevenson will be giving a talk on Prehistoric Sea Creatures of the Fens (7.30pm – Countryside Classroom – Cost £3). Check out the website for other events - www.greatfen.org.uk, or pop down and visit us and collect one of our leaflets.

MEET AND MUNCH RETURNS



Meet and Munch will be serving teas to its members on the following dates: 6 May, 3 June, 5 August and 2 September from 2 – 3pm. The lunch party is on 1 July (1-2pm) this year and we are marking the Queens 65th Blue Sapphire anniversary with a royal theme.

Anyone over 55 years is very welcome to join and we would be delighted if anyone felt they could help our friendly band of volunteers. For further details, please contact Jan Howe 814393.

RAMSEY AND DISTRICT U3A

The next three months are packed with interesting group meetings and three general meetings. In April, we hold our AGM and members' forum. After the usual business and voting of committee members takes place we will hold an open forum so that members can put forward their ideas as to how the Ramsey and District U3A may progress. In May, June Reed, poet and storyteller will be our speaker and in June we have Dave Sharpe with RaptorXotics who will be bringing along various raptors to talk about. Our new groups are Table Tennis, History and soon a Gardening Group will be formed. If you are retired or semi-retired and would like to join us, please come along to a general meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 2:00pm at the Ramsey Community Centre. If you need more information, please look at our website www.ramseyu3a.org.uk.

PHIL – THE COCK PHEASANT



We have a friendly cock pheasant that can regularly be seen wandering the gardens of Great Raveley. He can be approached and welcomes a handful of seed thrown in his general direction. Although he doesn't answer to his name, the villagers have christened him Phil. Those with 'gun licences' please note he is a village icon and not for sport.

UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



WORLD BOOK DAY: We celebrated 'World Book Day,' on 3 March. This is a global event celebrating reading and books. Many fun events were organised in school including pupils and staff dressing up as their favourite fairy tale characters, from books such as Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalks. Pupils entered a competition to design a new front cover for Cinderella and had a go at matching teachers with their favourite books.

COMING UP.....

As the Spring term draws to a close, we will be holding our annual 'Egg Day.' Children in Years 1-6 will be invited to take part in a competition to design 'something' using a hard-boiled egg. There will be prizes for each class and an overall winner. Judges will arrive in school during the afternoon to choose the winners. Creations will be displayed in the hall at the end of the day for parents/carers to view. This day always proves to be very successful and popular.

At the beginning of May, Year 6 will be undertaking their SATs tests in Reading, Maths, Spelling and Grammar. The children have worked very hard throughout the year and we hope they will be extremely successful. Good Luck Year 6!

UPWOOD BRANCH WEA - SUMMER TERM COURSE



The Upwood branch of the WEA are delighted to welcome back Fiona Lucraft this summer term with her latest course:

'THE SELF PORTRAIT'

A Rembrandt self-portrait, Virginia Woolf's diary, Sir John Soane's house and Wordsworth's Prelude are varieties of the maker's portrait. This course will explore the many forms and meanings of 'self-portrait', including artworks, autobiographical writing, poetic and fictional portrayals and even houses which reveal their makers.

I have heard excellent reviews from other branches of this course and, no doubt, it will be delivered with Fiona's usual lively manner – definitely not to be missed, especially as this is the **LAST COURSE** she will be running for the time being. The course starts on Wednesday 26 April at 7.30 pm prompt in Upwood Village Hall. Sessions last 1½ hrs (including 15 mins for refreshments). The fee for the 9-week course is £49 – enrolment may be made online at www.wea.org.uk/courses or by phone 0800 3281060. You can also contact the secretary, Liz Carter, on liz@backtracks.biz or ring 813008.

Liz Carter

RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM



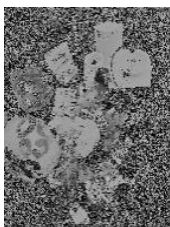
The museum opens for the season on 1 April. From now until the end of October it will be open on Thursdays (9.00am to 5.00pm) and on the afternoons (2.00 to 5.00pm) of Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays.

On 2 April we will hold our opening of the season Food and Craft fair. We will have a wide range of traders with chances to buy interesting food and gifts. This date corresponds with the Ramsey Heritage day when the heritage sites in the town (including the museum) will be open with free admission. As well as the Food and Craft fair, the museum tea room will be open for refreshments.

In addition to the normal opening, group visits can be arranged at other times which can include guided tours and refreshments. Volunteers are prepared to visit groups to give talks about the museum.

As well as displays relating to agriculture and horticulture the exhibits include domestic history, including a restored 'fen cottage' and replica Victorian rooms and shops (chemists, village stores and cobblers). For further information contact Ian Gaunt (710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

LITTER



The problem of litter being carelessly discarded in and around our villages prompted some public-spirited individuals to photograph the mess and then collect it up. Also, some thoughtless individual had discarded an empty 'Sooty RNIB' collection box. This has prompted a Great Raveley resident to set up a 'Just Giving' charity page in order to try and re-fill the collection box – details can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sooty-RNIB>

ADVANCE NOTICE

UVH Performing Arts Events in association with Ramsey Arts Festival

OPEN AIR CONCERT featuring **THE FB POCKET ORCHESTRA**

Friday 21st July starting at 6.30pm

Carlton House, High Street, Upwood (courtesy of Lindsey & Peter Somerfield)

Tickets £10

Box Office (opens 29th April): 07709930398 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com

UPWOOD ST PETER'S CHURCH

Our church is open every day and all are welcome to our services (displayed on the church noticeboard). Every Wednesday we have a short morning prayer service at 8.30am. The church serves the community and caters for all celebrations. The Annual Parish Church Meeting is on Thursday 27 April at 7.30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome.

Recent Events: A pancake coffee morning was well attended and raised £110 towards church funds. Thank you everyone. We also had a special celebration for a couple who were renewing their wedding vows. New rings were blessed and love was the theme. There were singers, a choir, guitar playing and a fantastic organist followed by home-made cakes.



Easter. Services will be held on Palm Sunday at 10am and Easter Sunday at 9.30am. Everyone is invited to visit the church decorated in all its Easter glory. Our thanks go to one of our parishioners for the beautiful pots of flowers lining the pathway to the church door.

Advanced Notice of Flower Festival. This will be held in St Peter's on 10-11 June with open gardens and garage sales around Upwood on Sunday afternoon. This year's festival theme is 'Baptism'. If you know of anyone who has been baptised in St Peter's at any time, we would love to have some names and dates. We would also be grateful if any gowns could be borrowed for our display. Children will be invited to decorate some leaves for a tree of celebration. Please come to Josie's coffee morning in aid of this event on Friday 12 May from 10 till noon at 77 High St, Upwood.

OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY 11 JUNE

**WE NEED MORE OFFERS OF OPEN GARDENS,
GARAGE SALES AND SCARECROWS.**

**For more information on opening your garden or having a garage sale
Contact Josie (josephinegaunt@gmail.com) 710702**

**To enter the scarecrow competition
Contact John Jackson 813715**

**Please join in the fun and help to raise funds for
St Peters Church, the Village Hall & this Newsletter**

RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



Ramsey and District Garden Club meets in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30 on the third Monday of most months. Visitors to individual meetings are welcomed at a cost of £2 per meeting. The subscription for membership for a year is £10.

In February David Coop gave an enjoyable talk on growing plants for the kitchen garden, covering aspects of plant breeding. The topic in March was Beekeeping, something that is important in view of the declining numbers of bees and the fragility of the colonies. Our meeting on 24 April highlights the penstemon, whilst in May Mike Day's topic is vegetables.

There is no meeting in July as we will hold our Show at the Ramsey Rural Museum on 29 July. Entries to the show are not confined to members of the club but are open to everyone. If you cannot enter then come along to the museum in the afternoon of the 29th and see the entries.

In addition, there will be a visit to a Royal Horticultural Society garden Hyde Hall and a visit to East Ruston Old Rectory Garden at dates to be confirmed. There will be places available on these trips. For further information on any of the above events, please contact Ian Gaunt 710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net

UPWOOD SMALL TO TALL

What a successful year 2016 proved to be for the club. A number of events were held throughout the year including our annual Spring Fayre and Christmas sing-a-long concert. In addition to this, the setting received an 'Outstanding' rating from Ofsted recognising the quality of the setting and the hard work of the staff.

We are pleased to announce that this year's Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 22 April with a theme of 'Heroes'; it promises to be another fantastic event. You will find all the usual fun and games such as the tombola, some tasty treats to tempt your taste buds and some great local small businesses and independent traders offering a wide range of products. The brilliant Upwood Small to Tall raffle will be back with some excellent prizes up for grabs. Fancy dress is welcome, so if you know any budding Batmans or Supergirls, a sporting hero or maybe a hero closer to home, then we look forward to seeing them for a day of family fun.

Later in the year we will be looking for you to warm up those vocal chords and join us for the Upwood Small to Tall Christmas carol sing-a-long, where we hope to build on the success of last year's event.

We are always looking for new committee members to join us. For further information on Upwood Small to Tall please visit www.upwoodsmalltotall.co.uk

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

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Cross Keys PH	Hayley Huskinson	813384
Cross Keys Golf Society	Dave Murray	815071
District Councillor (Chair of Parish Council)	Robin Howe	814393
HACT: Community Bus		01480 411114
History Group	Andrew Silverstone	812447
Home to Home	Josie Gaunt	710702
Meet and Munch	Jan Howe	814393
Parish Clerk	Carol Silverstone	812447
Ramsey Bridge Club	Paddy Slater	812006
Ramsey Camera Club	Trevor Brown	711541
Ramsey Choral Society	June Green	813562
Ramsey & District Garden Club	Ian Gaunt	710702
Ramsey Rural Museum	Terry Heslin	815609
Ramsey Rotary Club	June Green	813562
Ramsey Tennis Club	Jason Tuxworth	07855 887017
Small to Tall (Upwood School Clubs)	Angie Dean	802086
St Peter's Church Matters	Jean Place	813742
St Peter's Handbells	Anne-Marie Cracknell	812195
Table Tennis Club	David Williams	812923
U3A	Enid Hubbard	tandehubbard@tiscali.co.uk
Upwood Business Association	Frances Ashfield	711411
Upwood Community Orchard	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood Quilters	Margaret Jones	814031
Upwood & Raveley Community Allotments	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood and Raveley Community Archive	Judith Harvey	710219
Upwood School PTA	Rebekah Cornthwaite	07714 881806
UVH Performing Arts Events / [act] Shows	Doug McLeod	814114
Village Hall Hire	Bob Child	815475
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SPRING IS BURSTING OUT ALL OVER THE PARISH

Photographs courtesy of Esther Rowley

